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YUGOSLAV LEADER CHARGES SOVIET BETRAYAL;
ITALIAN COMMUNISTS SEE "COMINFORM SLANDERS"

The identity of the writer of the following was not indicated.

Moshe Pijade, Deputy Premier of Yugoslavia, received me in his office and related to me the background of the Soviet-Yugoslav dispute. He accused the Kremlin administrators of betraying the principles of socialism and of attempting to swallow the small Communist countries.

He stated, "The Soviet officials are no longer acting like officials of a socialist state but are following a chauvinistic policy with Pan-Russian rather internationalistic ideals. They are trying to convince others that a proletarian revolution in any country is possible only with the assistance of the bayonets of the Red Army. This claim is completely contrary to Marxism."

10. Later, while wandering about the city, I met 15 Italian Communists who had come to Belgrade against the orders of the Italian Communist Party. They said they had come to learn for themselves the truth of Moscow's claims that Yugoslavia had sold herself to capitalism and fascism. They told me that they were convinced that such allegations were completely unfounded and that they would expose the Cominform's slanders when they returned to Italy. A large group of French Communists is also touring Yugoslavia. Moreover, a young German Communist named Wolfgang Leonhardt, who was an announcer on the Moscow radio during the war, is now broadcasting pro-Yugoslav propaganda to German Communists over the Belgrade radio.

Yugoslav leaders with whom I talked ridiculed the charge that the movement in their country was a "Fifth International" and said that Yugoslavia simply desired to be an independent country. The idea of a free Communism has necessarily extended beyond the borders of Yugoslavia and constitutes a serious threat to Soviet expansion, Soviet domination in Eastern Europe, and even Soviet influence in Communist China. However, it would be foolish to think that this movement will orient itself toward the West. The rank-and-file Communists in Belgrade are 100-percent loyal to Marxist-Leninist doctrines.

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They favor the establishment of a proletarian dictatorship in every country by force and are convinced of the need for a political police organization with authority to arrest anyone who works for the re-establishment of a non-Communist regime. Similarly, they believe that no anti-Communist newspaper should be allowed to exist.

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